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Monthly Newsletter

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President - Dick Odum Vice President - Dan Hubbard Secretary - Bob Smith Treasurer - Stephen Schmidt

The President's Dispatch

At the August regular club meeting we had our annual election.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee of Mike Chesman (chair), Dennis Bowman and Richard Jackson for their efforts to

provide a slate of candidates for the club positions. The President (Dick), Vice President (Dan) and Secretary (Bob) were reelected to their second 2 year term and Stephen Schmidt was elected to be the new Treasurer for his first 2 year term. Stephen Schmidt also gave a presentation on removing self-adhesive stamps from envelope paper following up on some recent articles that appeared in *Linn's Stamp News* and *American Philatelist* (Journal of the American Philatelic Society). Stephen showed the result of applying a number of "removers" to paper. Several (WD-40 for example) left significant stains. Stephen found only two suggested products would not leave stains. These were Rosonol Lighter Fluid (a light petroleum distillate for cigarette lighters) and Bestine Solvent (a thinner for rubber cement that also cleans away decals and labels). Stephen added that Bestine has a significant odor.

We had several visitors. David Mielke, a member of the Germany Philatelic Society (GPS) from Boone, North Carolina gave a short talk about the GPS and invited Holston Stamp Club members to attend the local chapter meetings, which move about in North Carolina. David also brought several notebooks of early covers related to Abingdon and Emory & Henry that were interesting to look through. David joined the Holston Stamp Club as did Sam Hendrix and Chris White. Sam brought some interesting back of the book material to the special auction. Chris missed the auction but brought some U.S.



Club Calendar



Guests and Visitors always Welcome!

September 18th - 7 p.m.
Monthly Meeting

See President's Dispatch for details

material to sell. We now have 37 paid up members and 2 associate members. Welcome to the new club members!

The meeting concluded with a special auction of 84 lots and about 60% of them went home with new owners.

The acquisition efforts of our Buying Team under Richard Jackson's leadership has now acquired for the club both a U.S. lot (3 ounces of pre-1949 issues for \$60) and a foreign lot (237 sets and singles plus 27 items with some faults) cataloging at \$4,674 that the club purchased for \$250. Richard has checked the U.S. lot and although there were over 2,000 stamps in it, there is a lot of duplication. The next step is for the Buying Team to decide how to provide all of this material to the club. Perhaps we will see some of this at the September meeting. The ten "Inverted Jenny" sheetlets for use as door prizes at future HOLPEX shows were purchased and delivered to the club treasurer to be held unopened until needed.

The Knoxville Summer Stamp Show sponsored by Bill Vance was held on August 30 and 31 and several members of our club attended. There were seven dealers at the show and plenty of material to choose from. Don Ashley organized a photo for our Holston Stamp Club

Facebook page of some attendees.

Our next club meeting will be at Northeast State Community College Student Services Building on Thursday, Sept. 18, starting at 7 p.m.

Don't forget to put your parking pass on your car dashboard. We will continue with special auctions, so, bring your items to the September club meeting. Please remember to fill out the special auction sheets for your lots (maximum of 15 items) in advance and mark your lots accordingly.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the September meeting where we can talk about and have a lot of fun with stamps. See you there!

Dick

More about the Germany Philatelic Society by your newsletter editor

Dick mentioned in The President's Dispatch that David Mielke, a member of the Germany Philatelic Society, joined our club at our last meeting. Here is some information about the Germany Philatelic Society. It was founded in the USA in 1949 and its headquarters are in Chesterfield, Missouri. It publishes a monthly journal, *German Philatelic Specialist*, has regional chapters (sixteen in the USA and one in Canada) and specialty study groups. Its web site address is www.germanyphilatelicocietyusa.com. When you have a few free minutes check it out to see what it has to offer.

The closest chapter to us is the Carolinas Chapter, which is the one David Mielke belongs to. It meets the 3rd Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. at various locations in North Carolina.

Our members who are interested in the stamps of Germany should find the Germany Philatelic Society literature library, translation services and identification services for stamps and postmarks most helpful.



Monthly Treasury Report

Balance on hand Aug. 1, 2014 \$1,373.09

Total Income for August \$45.00

2014 dues payment \$45.00

Total Disbursements for Aug. \$274.57

KPS auction lot & shipping \$256.50

Newsletter copying Jul. & Aug. \$18.07

Balance on hand Aug. 31, 2014 \$1,143.52

FYI. There were 84 lots from members offered in the special auction. Fifty-one of the lots were sold to thirteen bidders for a total of \$209.10.

As a final comment, I have had the honor of serving the club in various positions over the last 6+ years. I am now looking forward to a well deserved break and to attend meetings as a "civilian" again.

Bob

USPS 2014 Yearbook News by your newsletter editor

This year the United States Postal Services' annual stamp yearbook will have something different in it. Susan McGowan, USPS Stamp Services Director, announced that the 2014 Stamp Yearbook will have with it for the first time an end of year stamp that will only be available by purchasing the 2014 Stamp Yearbook. She says it will be a reward to those people who purchase this year's yearbook at a cost of \$64.95.

This idea originated with a foreign postal service that was successful in making a stamp available only with one of their products. The USPS heard about it and felt it was worthwhile to include something similar in their offerings this year.

The stamp will be a Circus themed souvenir sheet.



Unless otherwise indicated by announcement in the newsletter, Holston Stamp Club conducts its regular meeting on the 3rd Thursday each month at 7 p.m.

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REMINDER

OUR MEETING LOCATION

**Student Services Building at
Northeast State Community College
Located near the Tri-Cities Airport**

Foreign Stamp of the Month by your newsletter editor

Back in January I told you about the first stamps issued for the Republic of Hejaz in the Middle East. This month this column is about another first stamp for a new country on a different continent.

In 1902 at the southern end of Africa a War between the Whites that was actually between the British colonies, Cape Colony and Natal, and the Boer Republics, Orange Free State and Transvaal, (British called it the “Boer War”; Afrikaners called it the “Second War of Freedom”) ended with a British victory over the Afrikaner republics. Orange Free State and Transvaal became Crown Colonies. Each of the four colonies had a postal administration and issued stamps. The British hoped the Afrikaners loss dampened their nationalism spirit and that British colonists would immigrate to this part of Africa and outnumber the Afrikaners. As the years went by neither came to pass and the British became concerned about best way to handle the colonies. The British eventually felt it would be easier to govern them if they could be combined into a dominion like Canada, Australia and New Zealand. From the Afrikaners point of view the self governing aspects of becoming a dominion would reduce England’s influence over the colonies. All four colonies agreed to unite. A draft constitution was prepared in 1909 and forwarded to England for approval. It was approved later in 1909 and the constitution became known as the South Africa Act of 1909. King Edward VII then declared the four colonies would be united on May 31, 1910, which would be exactly eight years since the end of the Boer War. It was decided the first postage stamp for the Union of South Africa would be issued on that day. Though they agreed to be united the English and Afrikaners thought quite differently when it came to symbols for the new country. The Transvaal postal administration drafted several stamp designs but the Cape Colony rejected them. Cape Colony drafted designs but they were not accepted by the others. So no stamp was ready on May 31st. The Post and Telegraph Department of the Union came into being on May 31st and the Postmaster General took on the task of preparing the first stamp. Meanwhile the stamps of the former colonies, now provinces, continued to be used for what became known within philately as the Interprovincial Period (June through October 1910) and for years beyond. The Postmaster General announced a 2 1/2 pence stamp would be ready by the opening of the first Union Parliament on Nov. 4th. The stamp consisted of: a full-face portrait of King George V, the monarch of the British Empire as of late May 2010; name of the country and the word “postage” in English and Dutch, the official languages for the country per the South Africa Act (though the spoken language was Afrikaans, not Dutch); the year surrounded by four stars; and the coats of arms of the former colonies in the form of shields at each corner. one assigned by Royal Warrant in 1876 and is at the upper left. The Royal Warrant in 1907 and is at the upper right. The Natal coat of arms is one assigned by the other two for the Transvaal coat of arms was the one adopted in 1856 when it was its own republic. It is at the lower right. The Orange Free State coat of arms is the one adopted in 1828 when it was its own republic. It is at the lower left corner. Even the first day of the Union Parliament, while that day to sell the new stamp, covers with the Nov. 4, 2010 cancellation are not common.



By the way the South Africa Act was amended in 1925 to change the official languages to English and Afrikaans, so, Unie van Zuid-Afrika on stamps changed to Unie van Suid-Afrika. Today the South African Republic has eleven official languages but only English appears on their postage stamps.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Items Holston Stamp Club members are interested in selling.

Charlie (Dr. Rocks) Bartlett, is having a STAMP EXTRA SUPER SALE.

U. S. Stamps—Mint (mostly never hinged)
U. S. Stamps—Used
British Commonwealth (from A to Z)
World Countries: 6 Albums (from A to Z)
Mostly at 20% of Catalogue Value (some less)
Plus extra 10% discount when purchase exceeds \$50.00

Isn't it easier to leisurely compare the empty spots in your album when you search my extras (so you don't buy duplicates)?

Bring your album(s) to my office, and I will bring my extra book(s) for you to search slowly.

I have a full set of Scott's 2012 catalogues to use.

Call me for an appointment at (276) 628-4136 at my office, 432 East Main Street, Suite G, Abingdon, Virginia (or I may be able to meet you at another location).

P.S. I can even loan you one or more of these extras books for a month if that will suit you better! I trust all HSC members to return books in a timely manner so others can use them.

Items Holston Stamp Club members are interested in buying

Dan Hubbard is always looking to purchase used stock books of all types. Contact me directly or bring them to the next meeting.

Don Ashley (e-mail dwa7@bvunet.net) wants the following:

Uncacheted FDCs: any quantity, preferred left side free of address. Address centered or to the right side and open flap highly desired. Please advise what you have available.

Also interested in dual FDCs for joint issues with foreign countries.

Ed Ferber is buying and selling government postal cards - US, Possessions, Canada, Caribbean islands, WW. Interested in mint and used, collections or individual cards, early or contemporary use. Greatest interest in illustrated advertisement and unusual usage (e.g.: rare foreign destination, auxiliary marking, special delivery). Please contact Ed at my.collie.dog@gmail.com or his 302-593-4192 cell phone.

Ed Ferber also desires collections or individual postal stationery items in mint, pre-printed or used condition that are unusual in some way. Seeking specialty items such as EFO, plate variety, poor inking, mis-cut, fold-over, illustrated advertisement, exposition, twice used, special delivery, postage due, auxiliary marking (missent, damaged, train late and others). Also want contemporary cards properly used in rate period with solid postmarks.

Bob Smith is looking for early USA stamps, mostly Scott No. 500 and earlier in both mint and used. See Bob at the meeting for want list.

Holston Stamp Club Special Auction – Lot Owner List

Owner Name _____, Owner Initials xx _____, Please print or type.

Owner Initials xx	Lot #	Catalog # and/or Description	Catalog Value	Catalog Used	Minimum Bid \$	Winning Bidder #	Winning Bid \$
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